



HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY



Happy Holidays from the City of Perth Amboy

Quarterly Newsletter

Message From Our Mayor

Dear Residents— This newsletter will serve the community in a new and different way. We are looking to expand our venues and make sure that everyone is informed about events, meetings, and activities that are held in the City of Perth Amboy. You will also find notices from our departments and other updates. The newsletter will be released on a quarterly basis and will be available on the City website, copies will be provided in City Hall, the Public Library, the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center— One Olive Street and in our local Shop-Rite for your convenience. Happy Holidays.

— Mayor Willda Diaz

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
UPDATED CITY INFORMATION
WWW.CI.PERTHAMBOY.NJ.US**

LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES

Urban Enterprise Zone/Business Improvement District:

Visit the Historic City of Perth Amboy for fine dining, great shopping and enjoyment of our wonderful waterfront and beautiful marina. Only 3.5% Sales Tax (at participating businesses). Please call the UEZ/BID Offices at (732) 442-6421 to learn about programs.

PARA Announces Job Opportunities in Perth Amboy:

Ferrara Bakery is looking for both Bake Shop Helpers and Assistant Baking Supervisors to work in our factory located in Perth Amboy, NJ.

- Bake Shop Help needed, P/T & F/T positions, experience helpful but not necessary, we are willing to train. Assistant Baking Supervisors needed— F/T, with food handlers certificate. Please email your resume to anthony@ferrara.com for consideration.

Parking Utility Announces 2-Hour FREE Meter Parking:

Dates: Friday, November 27 until Thursday, December 24 (PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN EFFECT)

Meter Locations: Smith Street, High Street to Smith Street and Davidson Ave.
State Street and Fayette Street to Gordon Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thursday, November 19th – Wednesday, December 30th— Art Exhibit, *Herb Rosenberg: Dialogue with an Ancient Forest*. Contact the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade Street: 732.826.8083.
- Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m.— Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. This event is free and open to the public. Department of Recreation: 732.826.1690 ext. 4305.
- Friday, December 4– Sunday, December 20th— Christmas Village & Pictures with Santa at Fink Park (Smith & Madison). Every weekend from Friday, 5:00– 8:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 1:00 – 5:00p.m. For more details contact sponsor, UEZ: 732.442.6421.
- Wednesday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m.— Seniors Annual Holiday Celebration \$3/ ticket. Seniors who would like to attend or who are in need of transportation may contact the Office on Aging: 732.826.1690: ext 4307.
- Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m.— Chanukah Celebration, Lighting of the Menorah. For more information, contact Herschel Chomsky at: 732.826.2600 ext. 4904.
- Month of December— Children’s Programs; Coloring Projects, Santa Letters, and make candy necklaces. Contact the Public Library for more information: 732.826.2600. *Adults must accompany children.*
- Foreclosure Seminar: For more information on this event, please contact the Office of Social Services and Housing: 732.826.4300.
- Art Classes: Sign-Up with the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts for art classes available for all ages. For more information: 732.826.8083.
- Food Drive: Canned goods in exchange for overdue library fees— donated to the M.C.F.O.O.D.S; Call the Public Library for more information: 732.826.2600.

SERVICES

- Middlesex County Surrogate Satellite Office: in the Jankowski Community Center, services provide assistance and information on wills, adoptions and related services. For appointment call: 732.745.3055.
- City Ordinances: are now available online for your convenience.
- Constituent Services: Congressman Albio Sires’ staff provides services to residents with IRS problems, federal benefits, and more on a weekly basis directly in City Hall. Call: 732.442.0610.

• At A Glance Phone Directory •

POLICE DEPT.	732.442.4400
MUNICIPAL COURT	732.442.6011
PUBLIC LIBRARY	732.826.2600
PUBLIC WORKS	732.826.2010
CODE ENFORCEMENT	732.826.0183
FIRE DEPT.	732.826.1112
RECREATION DEPT.	732.826.1690
BOARD OF EDUCATION	732.376.6200
WATER UTILITY	732.826.5335
PARKING UTILITY	732.826.9223
PORT AUTHORITY	732.442.1596

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Holiday Season is when busy people can become vulnerable. The following tips can help you be more careful, prepared and aware this time of year.

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings, don't overburden yourself with packages, and avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Take extra care with purses and wallets; carry your purse close to your body and your wallet in an inside pocket or zippered pocket— Never leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart, on a countertop or in your car.
- Don't carry large amounts of cash and minimize the number of debit or credit cards you carry, to avoid leaving them at a store. When shopping at night, park in a well-lit area and shop with others when possible.
- Park your car close to your destination (legally) and make sure packages are locked in the trunk, out of sight. If you are going to continue shopping, after placing items in the trunk, move your vehicle to another location.
- When returning to your car, have your keys out and keep alert. Lock your doors as soon as you are inside the vehicle.
- If shopping with small children, make sure they know what to do if they become separated from you inside a store or mall.
- Report suspicious activity to store security or your Police Department.

UTILITIES SERVICE AFFILIATES PERTH AMBOY (U.S.A.P.A)

MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY OFFERS TIPS AGAINST FROZEN WATER METERS AND PIPES

- Make sure your water meter is protected from freezing conditions. If your meter is located outdoors or in an unheated garage, take extra care to make sure the meter is insulated.
- Remove water hoses from outside connections. Turn off water to outdoor faucets, and when possible, drain the pipes.
- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces and attic. Repair broken or cracked windows and walls in the basement to further safeguard against freezing. Pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing.

PSE&G— WHOLE HOUSE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

• 1-800-854-4444 •

- **STEP ONE:** includes a **FREE in-home energy audit** and the installation of energy efficient light bulbs (compact florescent lights called CFLs). There is no cost to the homeowner, the tenant or the landlord for this service.
- **STEP TWO:** includes a second in-home visit, during which FREE home health and safety testing will be conducted, and up to eight hours of FREE weatherization services will be performed. Services included as part of Step Two could include air-sealing, caulking, weather-stripping, and a programmable thermostat. There is no cost to the homeowner, the tenant or the landlord for this service.
- **STEP THREE:** is **optional** but intended to help you make additional energy saving changes in your home that will also improve your comfort and save you money.

CENSUS 2010

\$\$Benefits to Tax Payers & City Residents \$\$

An accurate count of our population will have a direct impact in funding for Schools, Health Care Programs, Senior Services, Road Construction Projects, and so much more.

*"It's In Our Hands"
Stand Up and Be Counted*

**Questionnaires Are Coming
March 2010**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Safety Tips

- Have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen.
- Change the battery on your smoke/carbon monoxide detectors when you set your clock forward in the spring and back in the fall.
- If you are frying a turkey, make sure it is fully thawed before frying, place fryer outside away from your house.
- Do not overload your outlets with Christmas lights.
- If you use a real Christmas tree, remember to keep the tree stand full of water.

OPEN HOUSE

Perth Amboy Fire Dept. is seeking Volunteer Firefighters

Date: Saturday, Dec. 12

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Fire Headquarters
375 New Brunswick Ave.

*Contact the Training
Division for more details:
732.324.3505*